A.—Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—There is a call attention motion by Sri A. J. Doddameti.

Calling attention to a matter of Urgent Public Importance *re*: Harassment caused to Kannada Labourers working in MICO Factory, Bangalore.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜೆ. ದೊಡ್ಡ ಮೇಟಿ.—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಮೈಕೋ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕನ್ನಡ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕಿರುಕುಳದಿಂದಾಗಿ ಉದ್ಭವಿಸಿರುವ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಳಾಡಳಿತ ಶಾಖೆಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಸೆಳೆಯಲು ಅಪೇಕ್ಷೆ ಪಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home).—Sir, I beg to state in reply to the Calling Attention Motion given notice by Sri A. J. Doddameti that it is reported that there are about 3,600 workers in the MICO Factory of whom 2,000 are Kannada-speaking people; 800 are Tamil-speaking people, 250 Muslims and the rest are Andhra, Anglo-Indians, Indian-Christians, etc. There is only one Trade Union called MICO Employees' Association. About 1,400 Kannadigas, 600 Tamilians and 150 Muslims are members of the Association. It is reported further that there are two rival groups among the employees of the factory. The feelings between the two groups have been strained. Some wanted to introduce linguistic feelings in labour affairs. For this purpose, they proposed to start a Kannada Association in the Factory. The Kannadigas in the Factory however did not like the idea of introducing-linguism in the labour affairs.

On the 19th June 1964, during the general body meeting of the Union in the Town Hall, one Sri L. D. Kumar and his group, it is alleged, created disturbances and subsequently assaulted some members of the Union. A case crime 114/64 under Sections 143, 147, 149 and 324 I.P.C. has been registered by the Ulsoor Gate Police Station.

Again on the night of 22nd June 1964, there was another breach of peace near the factory and a case has been registered by the Shoolay Police Station under Sections 143, 147, 149 and 324 I.P.C.

On the 28th June 1964 a fresh election was held to elect to the Union Office Bearers for the new term and all the seats were captured by Kannan's Group while the Kannadigas belonging to Sri Kumar's Group were all defeated. The allegations made by Sri Rama Murthy interested in Kannada, are reported to be not correct and true, because there are two parties among the workers of the MICO factory and there have been clashes. Cases and counter-cases have been registered. The police have taken prompt action at every stage to prevent any untoward incident at every stage. The Police patrolling near the Factory and surrounding areas has also been arranged for the purpose. The police have given

necessary protection to all the workers of the factory whether they are Kannadigas or Tamilians, by taking prompt and effective action against the mischief-mongers.

The situation at present in the MICO Factory is normal.

This is the statement, Sir.

Member's Representations

Sri G. V. GOWDA (Palya).—Sir, to-morrow we will be discussing the White-Paper on the Sharavathi project and the several provisions of the agreement between the contractors and the P. W. Department are mentioned. I wish to state that one or two copies of the agreement should be kindly placed on the Table of the House or in the Reading Room which will facilitate our looking at it.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will look into it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ (ಹೆಬ್ಬೂರು).—ನಾನು ಒಂದು ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಅರಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ಷಾಮ ಬಹಳವಾಗಿದೆ. ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನೂ ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರವಾಗಲೆ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಾಗಲಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ. ಎರಡು ದಿವಸಗಳಿಂದ ಅನೇಕ ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಜನರು ವಲಸೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆಹಾರದ ಅಭಾವ ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಾಗಿದೆ, ಕುಡಿಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರಿಲ್ಲ, ತುಮಕೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬಹಳ ಭೀಕರವಾಗಿದೆ. ಹಿಂದೆ ಕಂದಾಯ ಸಸ್ಪೆಂಡ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಆದರೆ ಆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆದೇಶ ಹೋಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಆದೇಶ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿ ಕಂದಾಯ ವಸೂಲಿಯನ್ನು ಸಧ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕೂಡಲೆ ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ಜನರು ದಂಗೆ ಏಳುವ ಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಇದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ (ತಿಪಟೂರು).—ದನಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೇವು ಕೂಡ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಬಹಳ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ತಕ್ಷಣ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SECRETARY.—Sir, I beg to lay on the Table of the House the Sixth List of Unstarred Questions and Answers thereto.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Publication and propaganda for the sale of Mysore Sandal Soap.

Q.—7. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many pamphlets, booklets and posters were printed and distributed by the Government to educate and encourage the people to use "Mysore Sandal Soap" during the last three years (year-wise figures may be furnished) ;